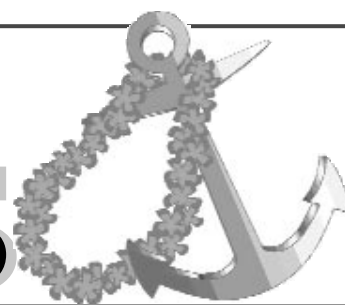


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IN BRIEF

Fireworks illegal in Navy housing neighborhoods

The Fourth of July holiday will soon be here - a time when we fly our American flags, celebrate our freedoms, and enjoy family outings and the many events that are a part of the July 4 observance. For many, the Fourth of July also includes the use of fireworks.

The possession and/or use of any type of fireworks on any Navy property, especially in Navy housing areas, is illegal and forbidden. Violators may face eviction from housing and disciplinary action.

A number of Fourth of July celebrations are planned throughout the island, many of them including fireworks displays, including the Pearl Harbor celebration on Naval Station from 4-10 p.m. Consider attending one of these events, if you wish to enjoy fireworks as part of your holiday.

Street closures in support of 4th of July block party

In support of the 1999 4th of July block party on Sunday, July 4 on Pearl Harbor Blvd., the following parking areas and streets will be secured.

Pearl Harbor Blvd., from North Road to 11th St., and the parking lots at piers B-25/26 will be secured from Thursday, July 1 at 6 p.m. until Monday July 5 at 4 p.m.

On Sunday, July 4 from 1-10:30 p.m., North Road will be secured from the Bloch Arena entrance to Merry Point landing.

All vehicles remaining in the area will be towed at the owners expense.

Barbers Pointer publishes final issue

A final commemorative issue of the Barbers Pointer, the base newspaper for NAS Barbers Point is available at locations throughout the air station.

The issue includes news and historical feature stories about Barbers Point and its tenant squadrons, as well as information about what services will be available after base closure.

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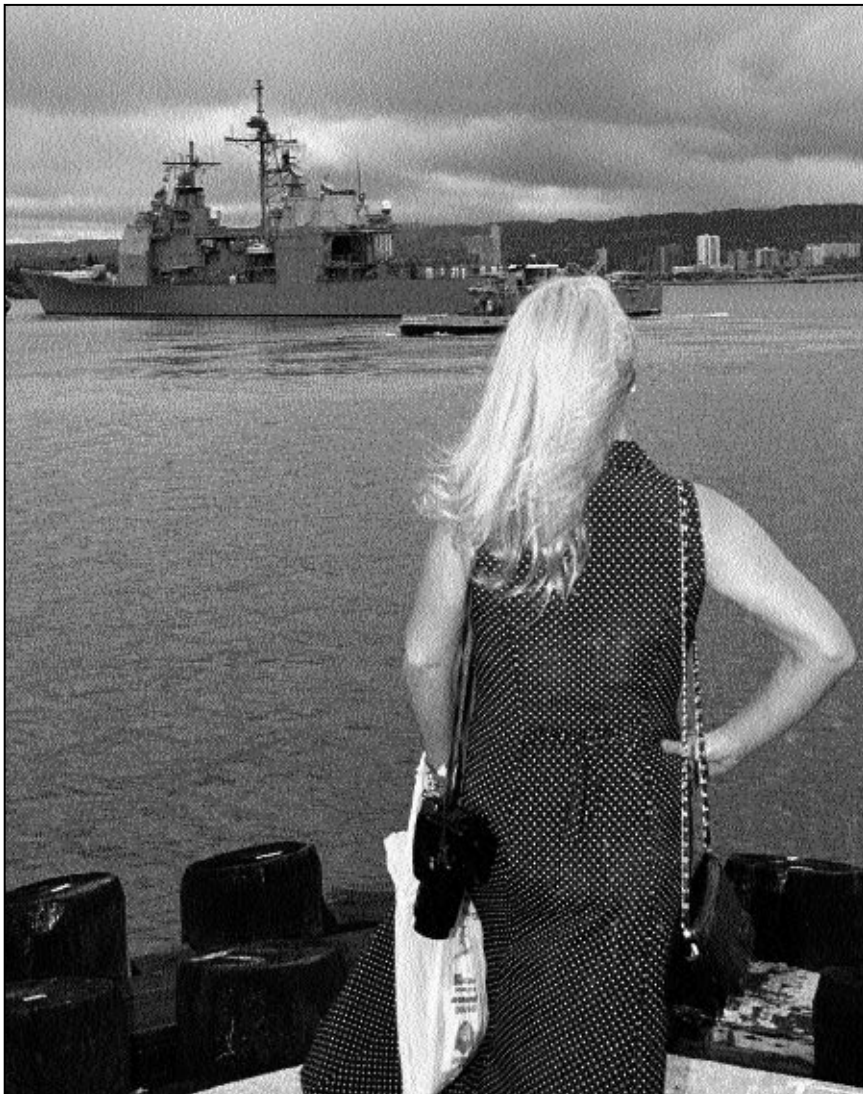


You should be in pictures: Spike Lee comes to Hawaii to film Navy recruiting commercial. **B-1**

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Chosin, Lake Erie deploy



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A lone spouse watches from the pier as USS Chosin leaves Pearl Harbor for a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf.

Hawaii-based ships, subs, helos join Connie battle group for six-month WESTPAC

By J03 Brenda M. Diggs
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NEARLY 1,000 Hawaii-based Sailors departed Pearl Harbor last week for a six-month deployment.

The Ticonderoga class guided missile cruisers USS Lake Erie (CG 70) and USS Chosin (CG 65) left Pearl Harbor last Saturday for a routinely scheduled deployment with the USS Constellation (CV 64) Battle Group and the USS Peleliu (LHA 5) Amphibious Ready Group. Chosin and Lake Erie were joined by two detachments from Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (Light) 37 (HSL 37), based at Marines Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Also, Sailors from the Los Angeles-class submarines USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) and USS Olympia (SSN 717), departed last Friday to join the battle group.

These Sailors will be separated from their friends and family members for six months doing their duty to their country.

"Staying busy, taking care

of our daughter and going to a lot of command functions is what makes time go by faster and makes the deployment easier on me," said Tisa, whose husband is on Lake Erie.

"I realize why they have to do this and I'm proud of my husband for that. Deployments are hard, but it gets easier as time goes on."

Tisa explains that it is harder for these Sailors' children to understand why they're leaving then the wives. "My husband and I sat down with our daughter and explained where 'Daddy' was going and why," said Tisa, who has gone through two other deployments. "We have a calendar and mark it off day by day. I also made a photo album full of pictures of just my husband and daughter together and when she misses him she looks through that."

"E-mail definitely makes things easier for the Sailors and families," said Tisa.

Dawn lives in Indiana and came to see her boyfriend off as Torpedoman's Mate 2nd Class Travis Dill left on

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Rear Adm. Al Konetzni, Commander, Submarine Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Rick Heltzel (second from left), vice president of Healy Tibbitts Builders, Inc. untie a maile lei officially opening Sierra Pier 8 and 9 last Friday.

New sub pier dedicated to Medal of Honor winner

By J01 David Nagle
HNN EDITOR

The Navy dedicated a new, \$24 million concrete berthing pier at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Naval Station Pearl Harbor on June 18.

Sierra Pier 8 and 9 is dedicated to the late Medal of Honor recipient Torpedoman 2nd Class Henry Breault, the first enlisted submariner to earn the award.

"The United States is a maritime nation dependent on the sea for commerce and defense," said Rear Adm. Al

Konetzni, Commander, Submarine Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet and the ceremony's guest speaker. "The U.S. Submarine force has the world's best submarines manned by superior personnel who have been rigorously trained. America must preserve its undersea superiority to maintain and preserve our national interests. The public needs to understand that - and events like this one are ways we can shape the future by honoring the past."

Breault was awarded the Congressional Medal of

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End of an Era

Navy completes chapter of history as NAS Barbers Point closes, squadrons, personnel move to K-Bay

By J01 David Nagle
HNN EDITOR

For nearly six decades, Naval Air Station Barbers Point was known as "the Crossroads of the Pacific," supporting the Navy's maritime patrol aviation forces, as well as other services and foreign navies.

Today, there's an odd sense of quiet that stretches across the base - somewhat out of place for what was once the largest naval air station in the Pacific theater. Gone are the roar of the four-propped P-3C Orion aircraft, the blades of the SH-60 helicopters chopping overhead, and the hustle of the maintainers on the ground, working hard to keep the planes in the air. There's just that odd sense of quiet.

After 57 years of fleet support, NAS Barbers Point will close as an operational base, the result of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) legislation passed by Congress in 1993. The base will close during a unique, two-part ceremony on July 1 at 9 a.m. The Kalaheo Community Development District, the area the Navy is turning over to various state agencies, will open during the second part of the ceremony.

Speakers will include Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Conversion and Redevelopment William Cassidy, Rear Adm. John W. Townes, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, Capt. Robert Kernan,

Next week: What's staying, what's going? See next week's issue for information about available facilities and services after base closure, security issues for housing residents, and what's happening to the base after July 2.

NAS Barbers Point commanding officer, Governor Ben Cayetano and Honolulu Mayor Jeremy Harris.

NAS Barbers Point was home to several key Pacific Fleet squadrons, including Patrol Squadrons Four (VP-4), Nine (VP-9) and 47 (VP-47), Patrol Squadron Special Projects Unit Two (VPU-2) and Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (Light) 37 (HSL-37). The squadrons, along with Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet (formerly Commander, Patrol Wings, U.S. Pacific Fleet) and NAS Barbers Point support units and personnel moved to Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe Bay, where they will continue operations. The move involved more than 2,200 military and civilian personnel and 38 aircraft, including the two, modified P-3C's used by the NAS Executive Transport Department.

The 1993 BRAC directive listed NAS Barbers Point for closure, in an effort to improve efficiencies and reduce long-term costs. In September 1993, Governor John Waihee and Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi signed a joint letter, creating the Barbers Point Naval Air Station (BPNAS) Reuse

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